





Appl. No. 09/426,776

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Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Jeak Ling DING et al.  
APPLN. NO.: 09/426,776 GROUP: 1643  
FILED: October 26, 1999 EXAMINER: Unknown  
FOR: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A SECRETORY  
SIGNAL FOR EXPRESSION AND SECRETION OF  
HETEROLOGOUS RECOMBINANT PROTEINS.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

June 19, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

--29. A fusion protein comprising (i) a secretory signal sequence polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence MRVLVLALAVAVLAVGDQSNLG; or variants of said amino acid sequence that comprise conservative replacements thereof that retain the biological activities of directing secretion of a fusion protein

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